(b) China and Bangladesh have stated that their cooperation in the field of nuclear energy is for peaceful use and in keeping with their commitments to the international non-proliferation regimes and the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Government remain vigilant with regard to further development in the matter.

Guiding Principles between India and China

*600. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have clinched a set of "guiding principles" on how to address their border dispute following a meeting between special representative of China and India;

(b) whether China has presented a newly printed official map that shows Sikkim as part of India;

(c) if so, whether India has accepted this new map and whether China still claims Arunachal as their own territory; and

(d) if so, whether any border issue has been finalized during the Prime Minister of China's visit to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have noted the correct depiction of Sikkim as part of the territory of India in the revised map published by China. Government do not accept wrong depiction of Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh in the Chinese maps.

China considers Arunachal Pradesh as a disputed territory and illegally claims 90,000 square kilometres of India territory in the Eastern Sector of the India-China border areas.

(d) The "Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundry Question" was

signed between the two sides on April 11, 2005 during the recent visit of the Chinese Premier to India. During the visit, both sides further exchanged views on the China-India boundary question and reiterated their readiness to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution, through equal and friendly consultations and proceeding from the overall interests of bilateral relations. The two Prime Ministers expressed satisfaction over the progress made in the discussions between the Special Representatives on the boundry question and directed the two Special Representatives to continue their consultations with the objective of arriving at an agreed framework for a boundry settlement, which will provide the basis for the delineation and demarcation of the China-India boundary to be subsequenty undertake by civil and military officials and surveyors of the two sides. The two sides expressed the conviction that an settlement of the boundry question will advance the basic interests of the two countries and should therefore be pursued as a strategic objective. They reiterated the need to seek an early clarification and confirmation of the line of actual control through the mechanism of Joint Working Group. A "Protocol on Modalities for the Implementation of Confidence Building Measures in the Military Field along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas" was also concluded.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

4486. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Agro and Rural industries set up by availing margin money .under the "Margin Money Scheme" launched by KVIC, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to increase the quantum of margin money under the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) 186252 village industry units have been set up under the Government's Rural Employment Generation